

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims, based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-26 were rejected. By this amendment, claims 1-26 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 27-36 are added. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification, for example, at Figure 5. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Claim Objections and Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Moriyama, U.S. Patent No. 6,921,218 (“Moriyama”) and claims 15-17 were objected to because of the stated informalities. (See Office Action, p. 2). Applicant has canceled claims 1-26 without prejudice or disclaimer, and respectfully requests that the rejections and objections to these claims be withdrawn.

New Claims

New claims 27-36 include a printing apparatus for performing one-directional and bi-directional printing modes. Claims 27-36 recite, *inter alia*, a “control means for controlling, in case of the one-directional printing mode, the printing means to immediately perform printing when received the print command from the host device, and for controlling, in case of the bi-directional printing mode, the transfer means to transfer the correction value and the information to the host device when the receiving means receives the request from the host device.”

New claims 27-36 are believed to be patentable over Moriyama. The office action asserts that Moriyama’s CPU (402) provides for correction of printing timing for adjusting

a printing position in the printing. [10/3/06 Office Action at p. 3 (citing column 5, lines 44-49)].

Moriyama discloses that the same correction process is performed regardless of the printing mode:

“The setting value may be input from an input unit provided with the PC or may be input through the operation panel section 108 of the printing apparatus. In any case, it is known at this point in time whether the setting process for registration has been carried out or not. It is considered that the process is carried out in most cases and, when the process is not performed, the omission is regarded as the user’s choice. When the process is performed, the setting value for bidirectional printing (‘-1’ in the example) is stored in the EEPROM, and ‘1’ is set in the flag F. When the process is not performed, the content of the flag F and the setting value both stay at the default setting ‘0’.” [Moriyama, col. 7, lines 17-29].

Thus, Moriyama does not teach, disclose or suggest that “control means for controlling, in case of the one-directional printing mode, the printing means to immediately perform printing when received the print command from the host device, and for controlling, in case of the bi-directional printing mode, the transfer means to transfer the correction value and the information to the host device when the receiving means receives the request from the host device” as recited in Applicant’s claim 27.

Accordingly, independent claim 27 is believed to be patentably distinct from Moriyama. For at least similar reasons, claims 28-36 also are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant has chosen in the interest of expediting prosecution of this patent application to distinguish the cited documents from the pending claims as set forth above. These statements should not be regarded in any way as admissions that the cited documents are, in fact, prior art. Likewise, Applicant has chosen not to swear behind Moriyama, cited by the office action, or to otherwise submit evidence to traverse the rejection at this time. Applicant,

however, reserves the right, as provided by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.131 and 1.132, to do so in the future as appropriate. Finally, Applicant has not specifically addressed the rejections of the dependent claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims, from which they depend, are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Accordingly, the dependent claims also are in condition for allowance. Applicant, however, reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims in the future as appropriate.

CONCLUSION

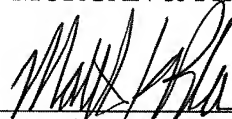
For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5265.

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